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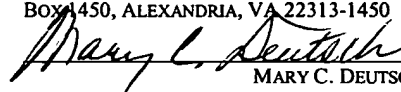
For: CONTACT PIECE MADE  
OF TUNGSTEN PROVIDED  
WITH A CORROSION-  
RESISTANT LAYER MADE  
OF A BASE METAL

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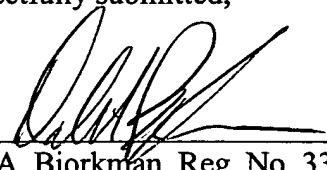
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find attached hereto a copy of the English Translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability issued for the international application PCT/EP2004/004153, on which the above-identified national phase patent application filed on October 21, 2005 is based.

Respectfully submitted,

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